

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (New) A shoe insole for diabetics, having:

A sole base body;

A sole covering layer; and

a plurality of cushion-like layers, provided over the sole surface, in the form of at least one first cushion-like layer in the forefoot joint area, a second cushion-like layer in the midfoot/tarsus transition area, and a third cushion-like layer in the midfoot/heel transition area, said cushion-like layers, serving to assist venous blood draining, are each individually divided into individual plateau-like areas, located adjacent one another in the transversal direction of the sole surface and separated from one another, with the top side of said cushion-like layer, covered by said sole covering layer, and forms an approximate place with the top side of said sole base body or is raised relative to the plane of the top of said sole base body, wherein:

between said first cushion-like layer in the forefoot joint area and said second cushion-like layer in the midfoot/tarsus transition area, at least one depression is provided, serving to relieve the pressure on the head or heads of the metatarsal bone or bones and originating at the top side of said sole base body.

15. (New) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:

one depression is provided for the second head of the metatarsal bone, and/or one depression is provided for the third head of the metatarsal bone.

16. (New) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:

one depression is provided for the first head of the metatarsal bone.

17. (New) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:

one depression is provided for the fourth head of the metatarsal bone.

18. (New) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:
the depression for the respective head of the metatarsal bone is located approximately in alignment with the respectively associated plateau-like area of the first cushion-like layer.

19. (New) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:
said second cushion-like layer is provided with an inner field area, drawn forward in a curve toward said first cushion-like layer and arched so as to protrude relative to the raised top side of the said sole covering layer of the other areas or fields of said second cushion-like layer; and
the drawn-forward inner field area protruding in dome fashion, is in alignment with the portions adjoining one another of the two depressions for said second and third heads of the metatarsal bones.

20. (New) The shoe insole of claim 19, wherein:
the diameter of the drawn-forward and protruding inner field area is greater than the diameter of the depression for said second and for said third head of the metatarsal bone, respectively.

21. (New) The shoe insole of claim 19, wherein:
the arching of the area drawn forward in a curve raises the level by approximately 2 mm.

22. (New) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:
in the region of the heel, a fourth cushion-like layer is provided, which is plateau-like and preferably homogeneously oval in the transversal direction of the sole.

23. (New) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:
in the region of the plantar arch, a fifth cushion-like layer is provided of crescent-like shape.

24. (New) The shoe insole of claim 23, wherein:
said cushion-like layer are formed by a soft foam.

25. (New) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:
the shoe insole is embodied as a replaceable separately inserted insole.

26. (New) The shoe insole of claims 14, wherein:
the shoe insole is embodied as a sole that is integrated with a shoe.